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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoichi YAMADA

Application No.: 09/720,142

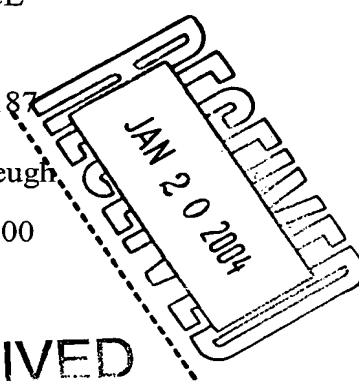
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Sir:

Applicant thanks Examiner Peugh for the interview on December 18, 2003. This filing constitutes Applicant's summary of the interview. Examiner Peugh agreed to withdraw all of the objections in the Office Action dated August 15, 2003 upon Applicant's filing of an Affidavit averring that Applicant is not aware of any instance of the art described in the application as "conventional" that qualifies as statutory prior art in the United States. Applicant hereby submits the Affidavit attached as requested by Examiner Peugh.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment:  
Affidavit

Date: January 15, 2004

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